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**SEN. HOWARD MARKLEIN STATEMENT ON STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

*Worker training, investment in education top priorities*

**MADISON**— State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) released the following statement on Governor Walker’s 2016 State of the State Address:

“This year, Governor Walker highlighted a few different areas where we have seen improvement in Wisconsin. More people are working, property taxes have held steady, and we continue to keep a close eye on the finances of our state.

One major initiative that Governor Walker outlined in his speech was a plan to provide a connection between higher education and job placement while providing relief to those that have student loan debt. This same plan also includes initiatives that would create internship positions, provide financial literacy to those who choose to take out student loans, removing the cap on the interest amount those with student loan debt can deduct on their taxes, and creating small grants to keep students in school during a financial emergency. I am proud to be the senate author on these proposals.

I am committed to working with my colleagues on issues that impact our communities. I was glad to hear Governor Walker touch on the issues of K-12 education, worker training, and higher education. We have done a great deal in the past five years, but we still have work to do.

As we begin a new year, I am looking forward to continuing my work with both Republicans and Democrats alike to use good ideas to help the communities in Southwest Wisconsin.”

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